

National Indian Health Board



The National Indian Health Board Congratulates the Appointment of Chief Marilynn “Lynn” Malerba as Treasurer of the United States

Today, President Biden announced his intent to appoint Marilynn “Lynn” Malerba, Lifetime Chief of the Mohegan Indian Tribe, as Treasurer of the United States. Chief Malerba is the first female chief of her Tribal nation and will be the first Native American Treasurer at the Treasury Department. Chief Malerba brings decades of community and economic development experience for Tribal and underserved communities to her new role and previously served as a member for the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee. For the first time in history, a Tribal leader and Native woman’s signature will be on our currency. Chief Malerba will also oversee the U.S. Mint, which released the Wilma Mankiller Quarter earlier this month, honoring the first female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.



The [National Indian Health Board](#) applauds the Administration’s appointment of Marilynn “Lynn” Malerba, Lifetime Chief of the Mohegan Indian Tribe. “Congratulations to Chief Malerba for her new appointment. For several years, Chief Malerba has supported elevating an understanding of the treaty and trust obligation and building capacity at the highest levels for understanding this permanent commitment, said NIHB Stacy A. Bohlen, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Chief Executive Officer. Tribes have long pushed for full funding and exempting Tribes from government shutdowns and impacts of sequestration. Another priority is formula funding rather than competitive grants to Tribes. The distribution of federal pandemic relief funds has demonstrated that formula funding is possible. NIHB is confident in Chief and Dr. Lynn Malerba to serve in this new capacity as she has the experience and an understanding of treasury-related issues. Her attention to funding as a treaty and trust obligation make her an excellent choice.”

President Biden’s American Rescue Plan included over \$30 billion for Tribal governments – the largest single one-time infusion of federal dollars into Indian Country to date. The U.S. Treasury Department has played a pivotal role in administering these funds, including \$20 billion in fiscal relief to Tribes, support for Tribal efforts to help members stay in their homes, and investments in small businesses and broadband.

The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) has provided governments with the resources to fight the pandemic and support families and business struggling with its public health and economic impacts, maintain vital public services amid declines in revenue resulting from the crisis, and give governments the tools for long-term growth and opportunity.

